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1. A large automobile plant in Minsk, used by the occupying German Army as a tank repair depot, was enlarged and reequipped during 1946 and 1947 by German PW and Soviet conscript labor. The factory, chiefly engaged in the production of ZIS 110 sedans and tractors, also turned out bicycles for the Soviet Army during 1947. Equipment includes that of the Brennabor works in Brandenburg and the Femag plant in Chemnitz. The main factory hall has a frontage of more than 200 meters; its concrete roof is three-quarters of a meter thick.
2. Electric furnaces from Siemens-Berlin have been operating in Minsk since the middle of 1947.
3. An automatic telephone relay system from Berlin-Lichterfelde was installed in Minsk during 1948.
4. A rolling mill from Königshütte (Królewska Huta, 5 km northwest of Katowice) was shipped to Voroshilovgrad in early 1946 and stored without protection against weather. Up to early 1948, this equipment had not been used and it is believed that it has been permanently ruined through exposure.

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